

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 4-14, 16-17, 20-27, and 29-30 are pending in this application and are rejected. By this paper, it is proposed to amend claims 1, 7, 16, 20, and 29 in order to put this application into condition for allowance or to narrow the issues for appeal.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action mailed August 27, 2007, the examiner stated that claims 3, 15, and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations set forth in claim 3 and claim 3 has been cancelled. Thus, claims 2, 4, 5, and 6 should be in condition of allowance since they depend on claim 1. Claim 7 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 15 and claims 14 and 15 have been cancelled. Thus, claim 8-13, 16 and 17 should also be in condition for allowance since they depend on claim 7. Claim 20 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 28 and claims 27 and 28 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 21-26, and 29-30 should also be in condition for allowance since they depend on claim 20.

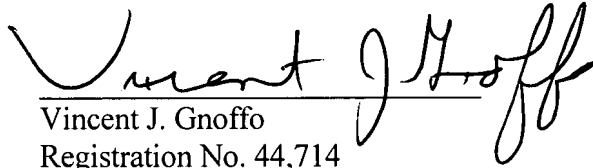
Accordingly, entry of this amendment, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the arguments above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-2, 4-13, 16-17, 20-26 and 29-30 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vincent J. Gnoffo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "V" at the beginning and a long, trailing "G" that loops around the end of the name.

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